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SUBJECT: PROPOSED USG-GOJ OVERALL AGREEMENT ON HEALTH, BIOMEDICAL
RESEARCH, AND REHABILITATION

1. PRESENCE OF DR. JAMES KING, DHEW/OIH, IN TOKYO FOR WHO
REGIONAL MEETING ENABLED DR. KING TO RAISE AGAIN THE LONG-
DORMANT MATTER OF THE OVERALL HEALTH AGREEMENT WHICH THE
USG HAS PROPOSED TO THE GOJ.

2. DR. KING'S PRESENTATIONS TO THE VARIOUS MINISTERIES
INVOLVED (MOFA, MHW, MOE) WERE MOST IMPRESSIVE FROM THE
POINT OF VIEW OF REPRESENTING U.S. INTERESTS. HIS ELOQUENCE
AND CONVICTIONS WERE NOT LOST ON THE JAPANESE ALTHOUGH THEIR
RESPONSE WAS NOT EXACTLY ENTHUSIASTIC. AS A MINIMUM, THE
GOJ WILL NOW STUDY THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IN SOME DEPTH--
A PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME. AS A
MAXIMUM, THE GOJ MAY CONCLUDE THAT THE AGREEMENT IS IN ITS
BEST INTERESTS AND SOME VARIANT OF IT SHOULD BE SIGNED.
HOWEVER, THE BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES SET UP BY THE VARIOUS
MINISTERIES ARE FORMIDABLE, AND THE USG MAY WISH TO THINK
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AGAIN IN TERMS OF A FUTURE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN
HEADS OF STATE OR FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH COULD BE USED
AS A VEHICLE FOR SIGNING AN AGREEMENT OF THIS NATURE AND
THUS BE THE DRIVING FORCE FOR GETTING MORE CONCERTED
ACTION WITHIN THE GOJ FROM THE BOTTOM UP. EMBASSY
RECALLS THAT A SIMILAR APPROACH WAS TRIED BEFORE, BUT THE
TIMING WAS PARTICULARLY POOR IN THAT TOO SHORT A PERIOD

OF TIME WAS ALLOWED FOR GOJ INITIAL REVIEW OF DRAFT AGREEMENT AND FOR FORMING A NEEDED CONSENSUS AMONG THE AFFECTED GOJ AGENCIES.

3. DURING DR. KING'S STAY, HE EXPLAINED TO SCICOUNS AND TO GOJ OFFICIALS IMPLICATIONS OF 1977 AMENDMENTS TO PL 94-484 CONCERNING IMMIGRATION OF FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES INTO U.S. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AIRGRAMS (STATE A-3515 AND A-3516) FOR USE BY CONSULAR OFFICERS IN GRANTING VISAS, WHICH GIVE DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS. KING HAS SUPPLIED CONFERENCE REPORT ON HR 4975 (AMENDMENTS) AND PL 94-484 (HR 5546). WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS AUTHORITATIVE, OFFICIALS STATEMENT BY DEPT ON HOW PL 94-484 AS AMENDED WILL APPLY TO MEDICAL SCIENTISTS WHO WISH TO ENTER U.S. TO CONDUCT RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN PATIENTS WHEN RESEARCH IS PART OF AN OFFICIAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. DR. KING HAS MADE THE POINT THAT WITHOUT A GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION (WHICH CAN BE USED TO GRANT EXCEPTIONS TO VISA RESTRICTIONS), PL 94-484 WILL BE APPLIED TO JAPANESE MEDICAL SCIENTISTS IN A WAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE THEM TO EITHER (A) PASS NBME EXAMINATIONS OR EQUIVALENT OR (B) BE CLASSIFIED AS SCIENTISTS OF NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL RENOWN. THIS HAS CAUSED SOME DISMAY WITHIN GOJ, ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN GETTING MOVEMENT STARTED AGAIN ON OVERALL HEALTH AGREEMENT. EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE FROM DEPT. WHICH CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO GOJ AS PART OF DISCUSSIONS ON AGREEMENT WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ENSUE. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY HAS GIVEN MATERIAL PROVIDED BY DR. KING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ITS REVIEW.

4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DR. KING IS LEAVING HIS POSITION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DHEW/OIH, FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT WITH PAHO. DR. KING HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD AND HIS EFFORTS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED HERE. WE WISH HIM WELL.
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